The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

- 1-3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Currently Amended) The An indoor unit of claim 1, wherein an air conditioner comprising:

a casing including an outlet through which air is blown into a room;

a flap disposed so as to freely open and close the outlet and guide the air blown out through the outlet; and

a front panel configured to cover at least part of the casing and at least one end of the flap closing the outlet in a closed state,

the outlet is being disposed in a lower portion of the casing, and the front panel overlaps overlapping at least an upper end of the flap in the closed state.

5. (Currently Amended) The An indoor unit of claim 1, wherein an air conditioner comprising:

a casing including an outlet through which air is blown into a room;

a flap disposed so as to freely open and close the outlet and guide the air blown out through the outlet; and

a front panel configured to cover at least part of the casing and at least one end of the flap closing the outlet in a closed state,

in the closed state, the front panel covers covering at least one end of the flap and an inlet through which air is taken into the casing.

6. (Previously Presented) The indoor unit of claim 5, wherein the front panel includes a first panel portion that covers at least one end of the flap and a second panel portion that covers the inlet, and the first panel portion and the second panel portion are integrated.

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7. (Previously Presented) The indoor unit of claim 6, wherein the casing further includes

a first casing surface in which the outlet is disposed, and

a second casing surface in which the inlet is disposed and which forms a predetermined angle with respect to the first casing surface,

the first panel portion and the second panel portion being integrated at the predetermined angle so as to follow the first casing surface and the second casing surface in the closed state.

- 8. (Previously Presented) The indoor unit of claim 7, wherein the front panel opens the outlet and the inlet as a result of the first panel portion moving along the first casing surface and the second panel portion moving away from the second casing surface.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The indoor unit of claim 8, wherein the first panel portion blocks a space between the second panel portion and the second casing surface in an open state where the front panel opens the outlet and the inlet.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The An indoor unit of claim 1, wherein an air conditioner comprising:

a casing including an outlet through which air is blown into a room;

a flap disposed so as to freely open and close the outlet and guide the air blown out through the outlet; and

a front panel configured to cover at least part of the casing and at least one end of the flap closing the outlet in a closed state,

the outlet has having a shape that is long and narrow in a width direction of the casing, and the front panel has having a shape that is longer than the outlet in the width direction.

11. (Previously Presented) The indoor unit of claim 10, wherein the front panel has a width that is substantially the same as a width of the casing.

## 12-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The An indoor unit of claim-14, wherein an air conditioner comprising:

a casing including an outlet through which air is blown into a room;

a flap disposed so as to freely open and close the outlet and guide the air blown out through the outlet; and

a front panel configured to cover a gap between the casing and the flap closing the outlet in a closed state,

the flap <del>covers</del> <u>covering</u> a lower portion of the outlet in the closed state, and the front panel <del>covers</del> <u>covering</u> an upper portion of the outlet in the closed state.

16. (Currently Amended) The An indoor unit of claim 14, wherein an air conditioner comprising:

a casing including an outlet through which air is blown into a room;

a flap disposed so as to freely open and close the outlet and guide the air blown out through the outlet; and

a front panel configured to cover a gap between the casing and the flap closing the outlet in a closed state,

the front panel in the closed state <del>covers</del> <u>covering</u> one end of the flap when viewed in a front view.